# Chemical Applications

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Define "disinfection by-products" when it comes to potable water.



The new organics formed in potable water after the introduction of chlorine based oxidation chemistry in the water purification process.



What commercial chemistries create DPBs?



Chlorine
Chlorine dioxide
Sodium hypochlorite



What chemistries are used in the make up of chlorine dioxide?



Hydrochloric acid
Sodium hypochlorite
Sodium chlorite



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Further define the most common species of DPBs.



#### Trihalomethanes (THM) – volatile organic compound Four primary species of THM:

A) Chloroform

C) Dibromochloromethane

B) Bromodichloromethane D) Bromoform



Methyl isoborenol Geosmin Haloacetic acid



If you have issues, what can you use to achieve compliance with your permit?



#### Carbon is an easy, logical, proven process

- Powdered activated carbon
- High iodine value is important
- Start by adding 2 pounds of carbon to 1 gallon of water (slurry)
- Coal based, coconut based and wood based carbons



Your facility produces reverse osmosis spec water. Should you be concerned with DPBs?



No; however, be very concerned with the presence of chlorine in your incoming city water.



If you soften water or produce D.I. water, should you be concerned with residual chlorine or DPB?



No. Ion exchange is what occurs in these production processes, so no issues here.



Will the introduction of phosphates to your system help you remove DPBs?



No; however, the less you leach piping and the more you sequester minerals, the more likely you are to see a decrease in chlorine demand.



Does the presence of DPBs apply to potable water only?



No. Now it's becoming an issue in municipal waste water treatment!



#### What is peracetic acid?



An excellent oxidizer/sanitizer used in municipal, industrial and food processing industries.

A hydrotrope of hydrogen peroxide and acetic acid.



Can you use peracetic acid for purification of potable water?



No, not yet.

Is microsystin considered a DPB?



No. Microsystin exist because of algal blooms formed in surface waters worldwide.



#### Discussion of the following

- Buffers and buffer treatment pH adjustment
- Ammonia removal methods
- Concentrate bleed in rates
- Biotoxicity testing \_\_\_\_\_ exist, reproduce
- 400 ml concentrate to 100 gallons of water



#### Questions?



